

TOWN OF BRULE
ADDITION TO TOWN HALL COMMITTEE
November 27, 2007

The meeting was opened at 7:34 p.m. by Dennis Smet. Committee members present were: Myron Olson, Kevin Mackie, Marcia Caven, Don Korhonen, Keith Kesler, Dale Copp and Doug Copp. Kay Johnson was absent due to jury duty.

Questions raised were: Is there a need for an addition; if so, should it be a stand alone addition, should it be added to the building, where should it be placed, and should the old addition be pulled down and redone. Also should the addition be used for storage only or for an office large enough for both Town and Sanitary District boards?

The committee agreed that more storage space is needed as there is not much room for a town board meeting if more than six people attend besides the board members. There are also more files including those for the Sanitary District board, and election equipment and poll booths to be stored. Some files are confidential and need to be secured.

Myron stated an addition should benefit all needs and uses, and plans should be done with the future in mind. Dale noted the Sanitary District is already discussing the need for an additional storage building, and their board is willing to help with the finances of an addition or whatever is finally decided.

A discussion was held on having the building adjacent to the Fire Hall. Keith noted it would be difficult if an emergency came up and the office needed at the same time a board is meeting. Other ideas were to add to the building on the north side and remove some of the old buildings if needed, or redo the office by making it larger to the east by the alley and remodel the bathrooms at the same time. The general consensus was not to detract from the look of the hall because it is an historical building.

Dennis stated the addition idea came up in 2004, and he contacted the Dept. of Commerce regarding permits or major code upgrades in the whole Town Hall. At that time Theresa Black stated it is a commercial building and an addition could be put on as long the hall is not over 50,000 cf. He will contact her again to have her measure the building and give information about permits, consulting engineers or inspectors.

It was decided to make plans on size and estimate costs after Dennis receives further information from the Dept. of Commerce. County Zoning should be contacted also. The committee will bring their recommendation to the Annual Meeting with the possibility of a Special Public Meeting to decide on the recommendation at a future date.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Marcia Caven
Marcia Caven, Clerk